

Colden Planning Board Meeting

March 21, 2017

Planning Board Members Present: Frank Hrycik, Walt Kammer (Chairman), Linda Kotlarsz, Peter Newsom, George Reinhardt, Rich Sheldon (arrived at 7:20pm) and Bobby Walker

Absent: George Reinhardt

Also Present: Jesse Hrycik (Councilman), John Kotlarsz (Bldg. Insp/Code Enf. Officer) and one Resident

The March 21, 2017 Planning Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM in the courtroom at the Colden Town Hall.

I. Old Business

January Minutes

The Board Members reviewed the January minutes and Peter motioned to approve the minutes and Bobby seconded, all were in favor. The February Planning Board meeting was canceled because there wasn't a quorum due to illness.

Walt attended the Town of Colden Board Workshop meeting in February for purposes of presenting information on the NYS Clean Energy Community initiatives and to determine Town Board support for a Planning Board action plan on the whole CEC matter. Subsequently other topics related to the Planning Board were discussed in an Executive Session. No details of those matters were disclosed at the Planning Board meeting as is normal practice. No Planning Board Executive Session was declared or proposed.

Fees and Fines

Walt requested to review the wording as per the Town Board's suggestion. Peter, Rich, and Jesse discussed changing the wording as follows: 2-family dwelling < 2000 sf will have a fee of \$550.00 and multiple dwellings 1st 3 units will have a fee of \$600.00. Rich motioned to amend the changes and Peter seconded, all were in favor. Peter will revise the chart and send Walt a corrected copy by email. Jesse will submit the changes to the Town Board.

Temporary Signs

Walt recommended reviewing Peter's comments regarding signs and to be prepared to discuss the topic at the next meeting. Walt asked the planning Board Members to review codes for permanent signs versus temporary signs, and the Members will decide if the topic should still remain on the agenda.

Historic District/Historic Overlay District

Walt asked Frank and Rich to review the topic with the other Board Members, and if the topic is still of interest for the Town of Colden. Walt recommended setting up an appointment with the Town Attorney to review if it's feasible for the Town. Linda mentioned NYS Landmark plaques if the Town couldn't establish a historic district and items of interest are to be highlighted.

Accessory Structure/Use Discussions

Walt asked John K. if the Zoning Board approved the last appeal regarding an accessory structure. The Zoning Board denied the request because a principle structure was not on the property. Bobby volunteered to compare laws from surrounding Towns and report back when that information is available and he has compiled it.

Continued Discussion Regarding Animals in Certain Zoning

Walt asked if Code 108-Various should still be on the agenda for the Planning Board to review. There were a few concerns in the Town but the issues were resolved. Linda and Rich will review the code and will discuss at the next Planning Board meeting.

II. New Business

Walt asked the Board Members to review the Colden dog kennel code before the next meeting.

Walt gave a brief summary of his presentation on Working Towards a Clean Energy Community from the February Town of Colden Board Workshop. Walt mentioned that the Town of Colden has great interest in applying for the grant offered by NYSERDA. The Town of Colden will pursue the following 4 High Impact Actions which we have identified as appropriate, namely:

Action 1. Benchmarking- Identifying energy saving opportunities in town buildings.

Action 2. Clean Energy Upgrades- Reduce energy costs in buildings by completing upgrades to include energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.

Action 3. Unified Solar Permit- Adopting a New York State Unified Solar Permit will streamline the approval process for installing solar in the community.

Action 4. Energy Code Enforcement Training- CEO would receive free training on the Energy Code.

The Town Board also was interested in the LED Street Lighting action but the NYS CEC impact area is only for the Cobra Head Style Street Lighting and did not include the Historical Street Lighting. Walt will ask Albany and UBRI once again to see if there is any option for the historical lighting.

As stated on the agenda:

Defer to 2017:

Moratorium for large Solar/PV Farms

Discussion by PB members as to setback ideas

Meeting After Gathering More Budgetary Information

Peter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 PM, Rich seconded. All were in favor.

Submitted by: Crystal Barrett

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